

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-42 and 44-47 remain in the application. Claim 15 has been amended. Claim 43 has been cancelled. Method claims 15-40 have been previously withdrawn. Rejoinder of method claims 15-40 has been requested.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement in the Notice of Allowability that claims 1-14, 41-42, and 44-47 are allowed.

Method claim 15 has been amended to include all the limitations of allowed product claim 1. More specifically, the feature that the elevation has a geometrical shape for achieving a spring effect in directions extending parallel to the first surface, which is indicated by the Examiner in the last paragraph on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability as not being disclosed by the prior art, has been added to claim 15. Method claim 28 already includes all the limitations of allowed product claim 8. Since method claims 15 and 28 include all the limitations of allowed product claims 1 and 8, respectively, and claims 16-27 and 29-40 are ultimately

dependent on claims 15 and 28, respectively, rejoinder of claims 15-40 is requested under MPEP 821.04.

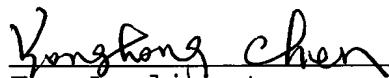
In view of the foregoing, the issuance of a Supplemental Notice of Allowability allowing all the claims 1-42 and 44-47 is solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to 37 CFR Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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